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**The Honorable David Finney  
Chairman  
State Affairs Committee  
House of Representatives  
Austin, Texas 78767**

**Letter Advisory No. 77**

**Re: Filing of Activity reports under  
Article 6252-9c, Vernon's Texas  
Civil Statutes.**

**Dear Mr. Finney:**

**On behalf of the State Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives  
you have asked, with reference to Article 6252-9c (Acts 1973, 63rd Leg. ch.  
422, p. 1096):**

**"Must the activities report required by  
Section 6 of the Act be filed between the 1st and 10th  
day of February, 1974? If not, when must the first  
report covering the activities of lobbyists during the  
Constitutional Convention be filed?"**

**Section 6 of the Act requires activities reports (1) between the 1st and  
10th days of the month following a month in which the Legislature was in  
session and (2) between the 1st and 10th days of the month following a calender  
quarter.**

**The composition of the Legislature is governed by §§ 1 and 2 of Article  
3, Constitution of Texas. Likewise, its sessions are prescribed by § 5 of  
Article 3.**

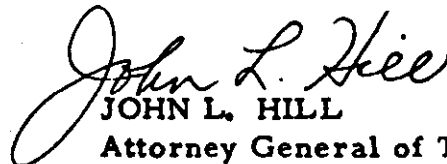
**On the other hand, the composition of the Constitutional Convention is  
prescribed by § 2 of Article 17. Although their respective memberships may  
be identical, the Constitutional Convention is not the Legislature, and the  
Legislature has not been in session while the Convention has been meeting.**

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Therefore, to answer your question, registrants under Article 6252-9c V. T. C. S. will not be required to file an activity report between the first and tenth days of February, 1974. Until there is another regular or special session of the Legislature, filing of activity reports will be required only during the months "following a calendar quarter."

We should add, however, that while the Convention is not the "Legislature", for purposes of fixing filing dates for activity reports, Article 6252-9c, in § 2 (2), defines "Legislation" to include "any matter pending in or which may be the subject of action by a constitutional convention." Therefore it would seem that activities seeking to affect the product of the Convention are activities subject to its regulation.

Yours very truly,

  
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